

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.: HB 2597
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Impact: OSBI: revenue loss of \$4-\$5 million annually

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute to HB 2597 establishes “Constitutional Carry” to allow the carrying of firearms by any person at least 21 years of age or a person who is at least 18 years of age and in the military to carry a firearm concealed or unconcealed if the person is not otherwise disqualified from the possession or purchase of a firearm. The measure provides that it is unlawful for an alien illegally in the United States to possess or have in their control a firearm or imitation or toy firearm. The measure clarifies the carrying and transport of firearms in vehicles. The measure provides that the availability of a license to carry pursuant the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act does not prohibit the lawful transport or carrying of a handgun or pistol in a vehicle or on or about a person whether concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded and without a valid handgun license as permitted by law.

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Fiscal Analysis

The CS on HB 2597, upon review along with consultation from OSBI is determined to have a revenue loss for the agency of \$4 million. In FY-18 the total revenue received was \$5.7 million. The FY-18 cost to run the SDA program at OSBI was \$1.2 million. The remaining revenue less the SDA operating cost ($\$5.7 - \$1.2 = \$4.5$) is utilized by the agency for other divisions and programs.

SDA License Revenue FY-15 through FY-18:

Fiscal Year	Revenue
FY-15	6,471,060
FY-16	7,073,185
FY-17	5,107,798
FY-18	5,656,451
FY Average	6,077,124

FY-18 SDA Estimated Program Costs

Item	Cost
SDA Personnel	543,331
Supervision Staff	61,872
OSBI Legal Staff (SDA Hearings)	79,035

IT Costs	157,233
Imaging Services	24,297
Printing	12,600
FBI Fingerprinting	186,310
Legal (Non-Personnel)	4,599
Office Supplies	84,976
Office Space	6,000
Utilities	2,509
Misc.	5,070
Maintenance-Equipment	6,270
Indirect Costs	118,706
Total	1,174,102

The CS also adds blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain and metal knuckles to the list of weapons prohibited from certain places and creates a misdemeanor and associated fines or imprisonment as punishment for violations of section E (business owner's rights) which will have a minimal impact on the state. The fine revenue from misdemeanor convictions are contingent upon how many individuals commit the offense, are found guilty, and the amount of fine they are required to pay.

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Other Considerations

According to the agency, the lost revenue from the decrease in SDA licenses would need to be replaced by some other revenue/appropriations source for the agency to remain at its current operating levels.